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Docket No: 3725/0J203

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Akira Utsumi

Serial No.: 09/460,361

Art Unit: 1771

Confirmation No.: 2392

Filed: December 13, 1999

Examiner: C. Pratt

For: **NONWOVEN FABRIC-LAMINATE, AND
AN AUTOMOTIVE INTERNAL TRIM PANEL**

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

1. This request has been filed before the payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or 146.

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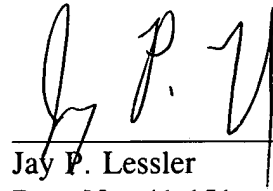
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2. This request is accompanied by a submission in the form of the previously filed but unentered October 17, 2002 Amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the October 17th Amendment.

3. A check in the amount of \$740 to cover the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is enclosed.

4. A Petition for Extension of Time (1 Month) accompanies this Request.

Respectfully submitted



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